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In re application of: **Nielsen et al.**

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Filed: July 27, 2000

For: Apparatus and Method for Maintaining Object Associations in an Object Oriented Environment

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In response to the Final Office Action dated June 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.